

FEDERATION AND MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

The action of the home Government in regard to the military contributions of the Crown Colonies has suggested to the *Singapore Free Press* the importance of these Colonies possessing representative associations to promote and defend their interests. For over twenty years the Colony of the Straits Settlements has had its Straits Association, formed to watch over the interests of the Colony in London. With the intention of forming a link between the Colony and the Straits Association in London, the first public move towards the creation of a Singapore branch was made in September, 1868, and its formation was soon thereafter an accomplished fact. Following the example of the Straits, Ceylon in 1868 formed its London Association, and in the earlier part of the following year a Ceylon Association was formed in London. "That" our countrymen in London, is excellent, but it is not enough. In Ceylon there is no local branch of the Ceylon Association, and Hongkong, outside of its share in the China Association, which is a body that looks chiefly after the commercial interests of British subjects in China, has no local branch. Neither a London Hongkong Association, nor a Ceylon Hongkong Association, has been formed. We appeal to the people of Ceylon and Hongkong, and to the people of the Straits Settlements, to take steps to create these organizations, and to meet so urgently required for the necessary co-operation of the three Eastern Crown Colonies.

This subject was discussed two years ago by the *Free Press* and ourselves, and our contemporary suggested the following course made by us at that time:—"If we wait for some grand comprehensive scheme of federation to embrace the whole of the dependencies we may wait till doomsday, but if each Colony, and each group of Colonies, will actually strive to make their voice heard, no section of the Empire, not even this remote little island, will be left wholly without influence in the Councils of the Empire, so far as they affect Colonial interests. From local associations will spring associations representative of groups of Colonies, and from these again will be expected to spring combined action strong enough to command attention for those great interests of the Empire beyond these seas, which are so often neglected in the party strife which rages around questions of little more than local concern." We are obliged to our contemporary for reminding us of this passage, and we would once more urge our readers to set about organizing some sort of an association by means of which the real public opinion of the Colony may find adequate expression. With local associations of the kind in Ceylon, the Straits, and Hongkong, keeping up a regular correspondence with each other and affording mutual support, the Eastern Crown Colonies would be able to command much more attention to their requirements and their grievances than is at present the case.

The formation of such associations would, moreover, be a step, though a small one, in the direction of federation. But if we are to support the idea of federation we must as well recognize at once that every part of the Empire will have to contribute to the Imperial expenditure, and that it will be less for Singapore to maintain than for Great Britain to pay for local wants and leave Great Britain to bear the cost of such portion of the Garrison as may be necessary for the defence of the port on account of its being a coaling station. Much has been said and written on the subject of federation, but little attempt has hitherto been made to work out a practicable scheme. In the *Asiatic Quarterly Review* for January, Mr. H. H. HEWLEY, in which this is done. Mr. Hewley would join the territories which he proposes to form into political and commercial union, under the title of states, dominions, and strongholds of the British Empire, states being those which enjoy local self-government. A scheme of representation is worked out, under which the number of representatives is proportional to the different classes ranging from 3 for the United Kingdom to 1 each for Manitoba, Prince Edward's Island, Newfoundland, Guiana, Mauritius, and Tasmania. Ceylon, the Straits, and Hongkong are to be represented by one representative each. The number of representatives is to be fixed by the Imperial Government, but if such a scheme ever came forward for formal discussion, the Crown Colonies, we think, would hardly be satisfied to be excluded from all voice in the management of the affairs of the Empire. What we wish to draw special attention to in the article under notice, however, is what is said on the question of revenue. The doctrine is laid down that each state should contribute an amount proportionate to its representative strength in the Confederate Parliament, while the unrepresented dependencies should be taxed according to their ability to pay as assessed by their revenues. Suppose the general revenue of the Empire to be £45,000,000. Of this amount the states would contribute thirty millions and the dependencies fifteen. To ascertain the share payable by each state we need only divide the total revenue by the number of states, and we find that each state would contribute £1,500,000. Thus, while the share of the United Kingdom would be £3,750,000, that of the Straits would be £1,500,000, and that of the Crown Colonies would be £1,500,000. Similarly, while among the dependencies India would contribute £1,500,000, Ceylon would contribute £1,500,000, and the Straits would contribute £1,500,000. The various amounts due having been calculated, it will be within the province of the minister for finance to distribute the totals for payment by the different executives.

We have quoted the above as the opinion of an able and impartial writer discussing the question from a broad and national point of view instead of with special reference to the question of the military contribution which is the subject of so much excitement in the Straits. The proposition of every part of the Empire should contribute its quota to the cost of defending the Empire seems to us so incontrovertible that it is useless to struggle against it. It has been ultimately recognized by the Federalist Prince of Wales, who, instead of drawing fine lines between the Empire and the dependencies, has generously made offers of both men and money for the defence of the Indian frontier. The money has been in part accepted. It may be that the Empire is asked to pay as a military contribution somewhat more than the amount that would be found due if it were possible by any means mathematically to ascertain the precise sum equitably payable by each portion of the Empire, but on the other hand it may be somewhat less, but granting that the

colony has a genuine grievance we cannot regard the proceedings at the recent public meeting with unqualified satisfaction. We are told that when the Europeans arrived they found the hall thronged with a dense mass of Asiatics and were scarcely able to find seats. The same thing happened in Hongkong once, only on that occasion the Chinese were brought together to vote against, not with the Europeans. The opinion formed of the Asiatics at the time will be fresh in the recollection of our readers. However, having got the facts before us, whether by means to be improved or otherwise, it was scarcely wise of the Europeans to take such trouble to impress them with the fact that Singapore is a most loyal Colony, but that loyalty is a virtue only so long as it costs nothing, more especially as the speakers could not have meant what they said, being all Englishmen who no doubt intend in a few years to return to the old country. In the whole of the speeches there is scarcely to be found the least intimation of any anxiety to assist in the defence of the Empire, or any acknowledgment of the British Government, and in particular of Lord Kintore, and all that was said had been already said, which is true enough, but as the meeting was presumably intended to be an appeal to the reason and justice of the English people, it might have been advisable to advance some of the arguments against the contribution to a less prominent position. The proceedings were relieved by a flash of humour from Mr. Thomas, the eminent mining engineer, who, in suggesting that the money might advantageously be used in the development of Pahang, said he felt that he carried within him the vote of many thousands of British subjects, the shareholders of Pahang Companies.

No possible doubt whatever. We do not suppose, however, that John Bull will feel disposed to dip his hands into the pockets of the shareholders of Pahang. Mr. Thomas also remarked, we do not quite know with what object, that the Straits supply half the world with tin. This naturally suggests the question, why should the tinners of Cornwall be taxed for the production of these valuable deposits, while the Chinese owners of the mines pay for their own protection?

THE BUILDING COVENANT IN CROWN LEASES.

The notification published in Saturday's *Gazette* with reference to the performance of covenants entered into on the purchase of Crown lands will probably have caused some local excitement in the minds of the owners of undeveloped properties. The working is sufficiently vague to suggest that the Government is by no means certain of its ground, but the notification may be taken as a warning that a test case will be brought before the Supreme Court for the purpose of having the question definitely settled. This is very desirable in the interests of all parties, and it is to be regretted that the Government when it attempted to bring pressure to bear on property owners in former years did not go the length of obtaining a legal decision on the question at issue. Having allowed the matter to lie dormant so long, however, it might have been well to let it rest a little longer. The circumstances are these. The leases issued by the Crown contain a covenant that the purchaser shall build a specified period erect a building of a certain value upon the land. In the case of a great many purchases made in former years this covenant has been disregarded and lands which ought to have been built upon have remained unproductive. To put an end to this abuse a new clause in the lease was introduced under which the grant of the lease is suspended until the building stipulations in the contract have been complied with. The notification now issued applies therefore to land purchased before the introduction of this system, of which there is a large quantity still lying idle. The owners ought never to have been allowed to evade their liabilities in the manner they have done, but it is doubtful whether if the matter is now brought to the test of a legal decision the Government will be able to establish a waiver on the ground of "statute of limitation." The particular stipulation in question. Granting, however, that the Government has a good case as it may be, we have said, be questioned whether the present is a favourable time for taking action in the matter. The property market is depressed and the lower range of values is likely to be maintained for some time to come. It is hardly wise to compel them to build at the present time, but the damage to the market, and the damage to the buyers who have honestly complied with the requirements of their leases. For the parties against whom the notification is directed no sympathy whatever can be felt; if their lands are not built upon, they are bound down so much the better for the colony, but it hardly seems wise to compel them to build at this particular juncture of affairs.

THE PROPOSED STOPPAGE OF THE INCREASE OF OFFICIAL SALARIES.

We have heard a good deal lately about the breach of faith of the home Government in not sending the additional money to the Colonies. The unofficial members of the Legislative Council would, we think, do better to shut rather than initiate the bad example of the War Office. If it is wrong of the latter not to send the promised troops, it would be equally wrong of the unofficial members of the Council to refuse to pay salaries. Whether it was wise to vote the increase in the first instance is not now the question; the vote was arrived at after very mature consideration and so far as the Legislative Council is concerned the matter has been rightly regarded as finished, the new salaries have been voted, and the Secretary of State, which, for all that is known to the contrary, may already have been given. As there any justification for the unofficial members turning back and trying to undo that work? Because, as a law, it is not a law, it is a right to be kept. In other words, ought the members of the Civil Service of Hongkong to be punished for the wrongdoing of Lord Kintore and Mr. Stansfeld? There is, we believe, no general order on the part of the public that the Civil Service should be made to suffer. An opinion may prevail that the increase granted was somewhat excessive and that ten or fifteen per cent. would have been sufficient, but since this money has been voted, and the officials have been given to understand that they will receive the 80 per cent. increase, we are sure that on the prin-

ciple that it is mean to give and take back again, the ratepayers do not wish to see any reduction in the amount, unless we see the value of the money withheld. The surplus of the home Government would sink into insignificance beside such contributions. As to the Colony's ability to pay, the conditions remain precisely the same as at the time the increase was voted. As for the stoppage of public works, it is of course evident that if the money is sent in the way it cannot also be spent in another, but the directions recently telegraphed out by the Secretary of State are due, we think, not to any idea of Lord Kintore's own, but to the very strongly worded representations of the unofficial members on the subject. That the Government was spending money on public works in a way the unofficial members did not quite approve of would not be an unfair inference to draw from what was said on this point, and if the Secretary of State had taken this inference he can hardly be blamed for the action he has taken.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

Whatever may be the real intention of the War Office with regard to sending the additional troops to Hongkong, it is significant that they are retained on the Army Estimates for 1891-92 received by the mail on the 21st March. At first glance it appeared that the Estimates had been sent in a hasty manner, but a more careful examination revealed the fact that the total number of all ranks of the Hongkong garrison had been increased (on paper) from 2,980 to 2,998. This is not a transposition of figures, as might perhaps be supposed by some of our readers, but the increase is genuine as will be clear when we add that the Royal Engineers have been increased by one officer and one private, the Indian Infantry and Artillery raised from 1,507 of all ranks to 1,511, the Ordnance Store men from 3 to 7, and the Medical Staff Corps from 17 to 18. It is evident, therefore, that the question has not been settled; the new regiment of Indian Infantry and the two additional companies of Indian Artillery which figured in the last estimates have again been provided for. As this is a far cry from the 2,980 to 2,998, we are inclined to think that the War Office honestly intend to curtail and despatch these troops to Hongkong? We note that lower down the pay and allowance for this Indian regiment is set down at £5,000, while the pay for the "four companies of Asiatic Artillery at Hongkong" is £4,411 and the Ordnance Store men £120. It is given as £11,536 18s. 6d. from which £4,356 18s. 6d. is deducted for maintenance in establishment and pay for the 12 months, leaving £7,180 0s. 0d. For the defence of Hongkong there is an estimate of £5,100, which is the sum of the £4,411 for the Asiatic Artillery and the £719 for the Ordnance Store men. This is a sufficient sum for the maintenance of the troops now in garrison, but the conclusion is that the promised reinforcements are not intended to take substantial embodiment, but are again only designed to keep the question continually unsettled. This is very desirable in the interests of all parties, and it is to be regretted that the Government when it attempted to bring pressure to bear on property owners in former years did not go the length of obtaining a legal decision on the question at issue.

THE GAMBLING BILL.

The objections taken by the Hon. Mr. Kai to section 3 of the Gambling Bill appear not unreasonable. How far the expunging of the section would allow of the continuance of objectionable gaming, we do not know, but the clause is difficult to force, but taking the section as it stands there can be no doubt that the Hongkong Club and other European Clubs in the Colony might under its be legally deemed common gaming houses. The Attorney-General's opinion of the necessity of making the new clause operative is a matter not worth the fish to catch, but we think the community as a whole would object to having the members made so small as to let the game of whist played for the ordinary modest points. Such is not the intention of the Government, and the Legislature, the Ordinance being issued, it is an evil which it is important to stamp out if means can possibly be devised for doing so. 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CHAIRMAN—When these resolutions have passed we shall have the power to take whole of the reserve fund and write it off teamers.

R. COX—You will have the option of doing. I should prefer to have it made compulsory. I write so much off an article's original cost use it is of so much less value; the amount would not be put to depreciation fund.

THE CHAIRMAN—You have mentioned two examples as instances; one acts in the way you suggested, the other does not.

Mr. CHAN: Do we not wish to raise any question about the amount of depreciation? I think it would be preferable if the amount of depreciation always takes out the steamers instead of putting part to depreciation fund.

Mr. CHAN: I am perfectly willing to consider your suggestion. It comes to the same thing in the end; it is merely a matter of book entries.

Mr. CHAN:—Another point to which I think attention should be taken is the employment of reserve fund in investments in leasehold property in the United Kingdom and India. I am sure that the directors of the company should be no investment in leasehold property outside Hongkong.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:—We have not the suggestion of investing anything outside the company. It was only a matter of putting it all at clause. "We can take it out altogether if the majority of the shareholders have any objection."

Mr. VERRILL:—I don't see why it should be put in. I think we ought to be able to invest our money as we like.

Mr. GOMES:—I only object to investments in leasehold property.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:—We have no objection to putting out the portion referring to places out of Hongkong. We have no intention of making any use of the power it gives us. Of course we have no objection to the shareholders' approval. It is quite competent for

to object at any time.
Mr. GORMAN—Yes, but after it is invested profits we would not be able to recover it.
The CHAIRMAN—I hope we shall not invest in anything but the stock of the company.
Mr. GORMAN—I should suggest the postponement of the passing of these resolutions. I think the shareholders should be appointed to go through the articles of association with the general Managers and after anything that is suggested to them.
The CHAIRMAN—You have already had three weeks to consider the proposals.
Mr. GORMAN—I think if the articles of association were gone through in the way I suggest it might be found that there were other things that required amendment.
The CHAIRMAN—I am not aware that there anything more to say. If there is anything else you

th altered it will not affect the business of today. We have no wish to interfere with or change in the way of any suggested alterations, but we will get through the business today. If we have to have another meeting, the action will have to be given of it, and it means a delay of four or five weeks.

THE CHAEMAN—There is no reason why I should pass these resolutions. I don't see any reason why they should stand over for a month or two.

THE CHAIRMAN—I think there is every reason. Mr. VANCE—I think if any shareholder has anything to say about these articles he should come prepared to say it. There has been no suggestion of any alteration or suggestion that was desired might have been sent in during that time.

Mr. GOSWELL—believe me the shareholders of the Talbot, sent you a letter. I think that might be right.

THE CHAEMAN—It was not handed me to

reign, it was addressed to the people, and I cannot say that I was speaking it, but I cannot say that I was not speaking it at the present moment. Referring to Mr. Cox's remarks about writing off from the steamers, we shall give it careful consideration and I think it will most probably be acted upon. If there are no further remarks we will now proceed to put the motions before you, which I have already proposed. That in the 5th paragraph of article XLII of these presents there be inserted the words: and they shall 'between the words 'whenever they think fit' and the words 'upon a request,'

Mr. BAKER seconded.

Ordered.

Mr. J. KESWICK proposed: "That the words 'for the full value thereof' contained in the third line of the 1st paragraph of article XVIII. of these presents be cancelled, and that

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed - "Article III of the Memorandum and Paragraph 2 of Article III of these proposed Statutes together with the marginal notes of these paragraphs be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following: (but it shall not be compulsory on them so to do) do not set apart in any year a sum equal to the amount of the hereinafter mentioned Distributions or Reserve Fund for the time being of the Company's vessels, machinery, and other real and personal property, chattels and effects for the time being, and every sum so set apart shall be paid into a fund to be called the Reserve fund, and shall be invested in or upon any of the public stocks, or funds, or Government securities of the United Kingdom, or India, or the colonies of the United Kingdom, or in or upon freehold, copyhold, leasehold or chattel real securities in the United Kingdom, or India, or any of the colonies, or in any other colony, or any Dependency of the United Kingdom, or

in or upon deposit account with any banking Company, body or corporation having its head or a branch office in Hongkong, or in London with power to the general managers from time to time to vary such investments, and the general managers may (with the approval of the Consulting Committee) from time to time expend or apply such Depreciation or Reserve Fund, or any parts or part thereof, in or towards the purchase, hiring, building or equipping of any additional vessels or vessels for the Company, or in or towards the writing down of the values of the Company's vessels, or any or either of them, or in or towards the repairs of the same.

(2) The General Managers may, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, out of the net annual profits of the Company from business operations, set aside as reserve fund (not exceeding twelve per cent. on the paid up capital) as they shall think fit, and the balance of such net profits shall be placed to the credit of the shareholders; and

(3) The General Managers may, with the approval of the Consulting Committee from time to time declare such an interim half-yearly dividend, or such other dividend as they may see fit, provided, twelve per cent. on the paid up capital."

MR. DAVIS seconded.

MR. GOMES : I beg to propose that the second clause in that resolution be left over for further consideration.

There being no proposer, the amendment fell through.

The resolution was then put and carried.

RESOLUTION proposed.—That in the last line of the third paragraph of Article XIX of

those presents there be inserted the words "Depreciation or" between the words "and will be paid to the Government or otherwise." Mr. VETTER seconded.

Carried.

Article 13. J. KESWICK proposed—"That the final paragraph at the end of the last paragraph of Article XXII of these presents be omitted, and that there be substituted therefor the following: "The Government or otherwise." Mr. ROZA seconded.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN stated that a customary adjournment would be taken in three weeks.

The meeting then terminated.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at the residence of Mr. J. M. de los Angeles, Jardines Macabeo, on the 26th of the March. There were present:—Hon. J. J. KUTICK (Chairman), Messrs. F. S. DAVES, D. GILLIN, C. S. TAYLOR, J. H. COX, J. M. ROSS, C. S. TAYLOR, J. H. COX, J. J. McILVERING, A. S. DAVES, and H. MACLEAN Secretary.

MR. CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report for the year 1890, which has now been in your hands for a considerable time, I do not propose to read unless it is your wish that I should.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 31, TOONAN, Chinese str., 938, Warwie
Newchwang 24th March, Heang—C. M.
S. N. Co.

Mar. 31, SIAM, British steamer, 391, John A
Talloch, Saigon 27th March, Rice.

CHINESE.

April 1, HAILONG, British str., 783, Bathurst
Tamsui 23rd Mar. Amoy 34th and Swatow

April 1. ADYSSINIA, British steamer, 2,344
J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., Saigon 274
March; Rice.—KUNG YUEN.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
1st APRIL.

Dempsy, British str., for Singapore.
Parthia, British str., for Saigon.
Venetia, British str., for Singapore.
Diamond, British str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.
 April 1, *THERMOPYLÆ*, British ship, for Saigon.

April 1, DIAMOND, British str. for Amoy.
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April 1, GLENOCLE, British str. for London.
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April 1, TACHOW, British str. for Nagasaki.
April 1, VENITIA, British str. for Bombay.
April 1, TOONAN, Chinese str. for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per *Malacca*, str., for Shanghai from Hongkong.—Mrs. Gray and infant. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon—Wheham, Col. and Mrs. Kennan.

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Power, Capt and Mrs. Turris, Col. Egerton
Messrs. Robt. Pettit, O. Wyang, and Seymour
Per Glenfrie, str. for Shanghai. — Messrs.
Gillott, C. Bogler, R. A. Smith, Grunchev
and Fletchner.
Per Glenfrie, str. for London. — Major-Gen-
ral Gordon and family, Mrs. Wales and family.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Aberystwyth*, from Sag-
27th March, had light N.E. monsoon; some-
times, and overcast weather throughout.

The Chinese steamer *Touan*, from Neu-
chwang 24th Mar, had strong S.E. winds
Chiao; those to Sadzie light breeze and
weather; those to Turnabout dense fog and
drats S.E. winds; those to port moderate N

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